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Dear Parents/Carers

OFSTED MONITORING VISIT

You may be aware that we hosted an Ofsted Monitoring Visit here at Thomas Becket Catholic School on Wednesday 18th May 2022. A section 8 monitoring visit is an interim type of inspection to assess progress and risk and to encourage improvement towards becoming a 'Good' school.

Ofsted spent the day meeting students, staff and observing lessons. They were impressed with the conduct and attitude of our students, and I was extremely proud they saw what I see every day at Thomas Becket Catholic School.

I am delighted that Ofsted judged that we are **taking effective action towards the school becoming a good school**. They recognise the impact of the work we are doing to rapidly improve Thomas Becket Catholic School and I am delighted that we were able to showcase all the good work that is taking place.

Please see below some main findings of the report and a link to the full copy of the report that is also published on our website:

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** Each senior leader understands their area of responsibility. Senior leaders work together closely to identify exactly what needs to get better.*

** Leaders have consistent expectations about how teachers should deliver curriculum. Teachers follow agreed classroom routines closely so that pupils know what to expect.*

** The newly created inclusion team provides a more consistent approach to pastoral support than previously. This team considers a wide range of information if they think a pupil needs extra support. Staff know what to do if they have a concern that a pupil is at risk of potential harm. Leaders act swiftly in response to these concerns to keep pupils safe.*





** Pupils know how they are expected to behave. Fewer lessons are disrupted by poor behaviour than in the past. Pupils appreciate being rewarded for their positive conduct, for example with a golden ticket.*

** Pupils know about the different pathways they can follow to support their career aspirations. Work to improve the post-16 life-skills programme is progressing well. The programme helps students prepare to live independently.*

** Those responsible for governance are well informed about the school's key development priorities. They have taken decisive action to appoint new leaders and increase leadership capacity.*

As Headteacher I am so excited and proud to be moving our school forward at pace on our #MissiontoExcellence journey. I would like to thank staff, pupils, and yourselves for supporting the vision and values of Thomas Becket since I joined the school in January 2022. Rest assured, we are not resting on our laurels or being complacent. We know we still have work to do to ensure we provide a truly exceptional education for our young people but as Ofsted recognise, we are taking the right steps to make this happen.

Whilst writing as always please do not hesitate to contact the school via office@thomasbecket.org.uk or on 01604 493211, should you have any questions or queries.

Yours in Christ,

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